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Dear ^{Evans} ~~Mr. Lautzenheiser~~,

I enjoyed meeting with you back on August 24, 2010 to discuss the various Arizona Game and Fish Department water catchments on the Black Mesa Ranger District. As we agreed, many of these water catchments are in need of maintenance. This letter confirms the Forest Service will complete NEPA required for the maintenance of Ryan and Pueblo Trick Tanks and the Lone Pine and Heber water catchments. I anticipate this NEPA can be completed using existing CE authorities.

It is also my understanding that the Arizona Game and Fish Department will complete all field survey work for heritage and biological resources necessary for the completion of NEPA. Upon completion, all associated biological documents and data shall be provided to the Black Mesa Ranger District Wildlife Biologist, while all heritage documents and data shall be provided to Sitgreaves NF Zone Archaeologist and/or Forest Archaeologist. In addition, the Cultural Resource contractor chosen by the AGFD needs to be coordinated with an agreed upon by the Sitgreaves NF Zone Archaeologist and/or Forest Archaeologist prior to awarding the contract.

In order to accomplish this work, it may be necessary develop an additional Cost-share agreement. My staff will work closely with our Grants and Agreement specialist in making this determination. Should this be necessary, we can work together in the developing the needed agreement.

I look forward to accomplishing this project together. Please let me know of any other questions or concerns you may have on this project. Thank you for your efforts in helping to improve wildlife habitat on the Black Mesa Ranger District.

Sincerely,

DEE HINES
District Ranger

